

REMARKS

[0010] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-37 are currently pending; and
- Claims 1, 25, and 29 are amended herein.

Allowed Claims

[0011] The Office Action indicates that claims 8-24 are allowable. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 8-24. These claims have not been amended herein, and therefore remain in condition for allowance.

Independent Claims 1, 25 and 29

[0012] Claims 1, 25 and 29 are amended to include the subject matter of allowed claim 8. The Applicant submits that inasmuch as claim 8 is allowable, so too are claims 1, 25, and 29. The Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1, 25 and 29 be removed and the claims be passed along to issuance.

Dependant claims

[0013] It is axiomatic that any claim depending from an allowed claim is also allowable. Therefore, the Applicant submits that all dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons given for their respective base claims. Furthermore each dependant

claim may be allowable for its own reasons independently. Consequently the Applicant respectfully requests that all dependent claims are also passed along to issuance.

Conclusion

[0014] The Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned representative for the Applicant before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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